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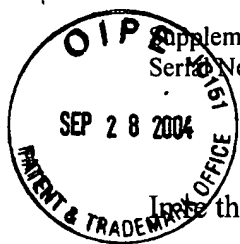
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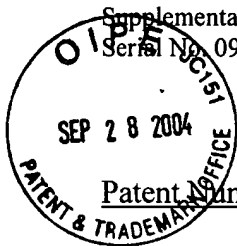
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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1. 5,356,381	Ensminger et al.	10-18-1994

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2. FR 1.336.357	France	08-30-1963

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